Appl. No. 09/723,083 RCE dated 10-20-2004 Atty. Docket No. 1217-002012

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.

09/787,998

Confirmation No. 1204

Applicants

Hirofumi Taketsu et al.

Filed

March 23, 2001

Title

Fuel Tank Made From Aluminum Coated Steel Sheet

Art Unit

2661

Examiner

Steven Blount

Customer No.

28289

PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

MAIL STOP RCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants request a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Final Office Action. The outstanding Action was mailed on April 20, 2004, , and the period set for response was three months, bringing the response to be due on July 20, 2004. Therefore, a three-month extension of time will bring the response due on October 20, 2004.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith. A check in the amount of \$1,770.00 is enclosed to cover the three-month extension fee and the RCE fee.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on October 20, 2004.

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10/20/2004 Date

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The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. The original and two copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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